

# Events of June 15, 2019 did not happen in isolation

Consistent with Mr. Sheehan's reported conduct over the years before the shooting incident

### June 12, 2019

Mr. Sheehan got mad over a trivial matter

Said Ms. LaDuke would "eat the bullet"

Not the first time

#### Information from Ms. LaDuke

"The slightest thing would happen"

"Your worst nightmare"

Preceded by alcohol use

"Went instant homicidal"

### **Prior Police Interactions**

June 24, 2015: thinking of suicide with a shotgun

August 18, 2018: "would have shot him in the face"

March 21, 2019: "there would be a body for the police to find"

### Ms. LaDuke's Rifle

# CMMG 6.5 Creedmoor semi-automatic rifle with a scope



#### Mr. Sheehan and Firearms

Convicted felon and domestic violence conviction

Prohibited from buying guns

Girlfriend (LaDuke) bought him a silver and black colored Taurus Millenium 9mm handgun



At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

#### Went to parents' in Northfield

Went to lunch with girlfriend (LaDuke)

Went shopping with friend (Moulton)

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Wearing two-tone silver handgun in holster on right hip

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

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On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Went to visit sister, Vanessa Day, in Belmont

Wearing gun on his right side

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

#### Grabbed sister by the throat

Hit her and threw her to the ground

Put his gun to sister's head

Said he would kill her

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan had strangled her and put a gun to her head before

"Loose cannon"

At Sister's (Belmont)

## At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Drove to parents' home in Northfield

9:16 p.m.: father called the police

#### June 15, 2019

Daytime

At Sister's (Belmont)

## At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)



Michael: Hello.

<u>Dispatcher</u>: Hi. Your name?

Michael: Um, Michael Sheehan.

Dispatcher: OK, what's going on?

Michael: I'm the owner of this house.

I don't know what set my son off, but he's out of control. He just, uh, he's been on the phone with his mother, screaming and ran, on a rampage. He's going to hurt people. He just pulled into the yard. I think I heard a gunshot outside. He's in the house. He's screaming and hollering.

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan fired a shot from his gun

Pointed gun at mother's head

Had done this once before

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# 9:19 p.m.: Northfield Police arrived

Immediately told dog to attack officers

Told officers to take out guns and "end his nightmare"

At Sister's (Belmont)

## At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

#### "Sister deserves to die"

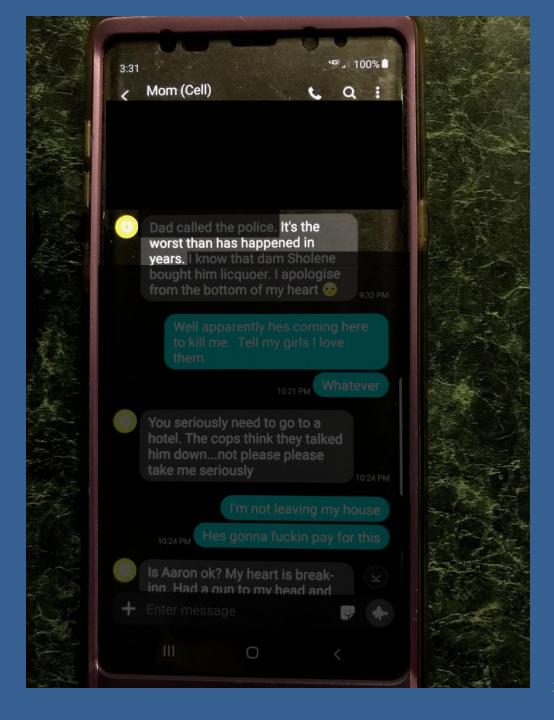
"[Mother] needed to die"

At Sister's (Belmont)

### At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads



At Sister's (Belmont)

## At Parents' (Northfield)

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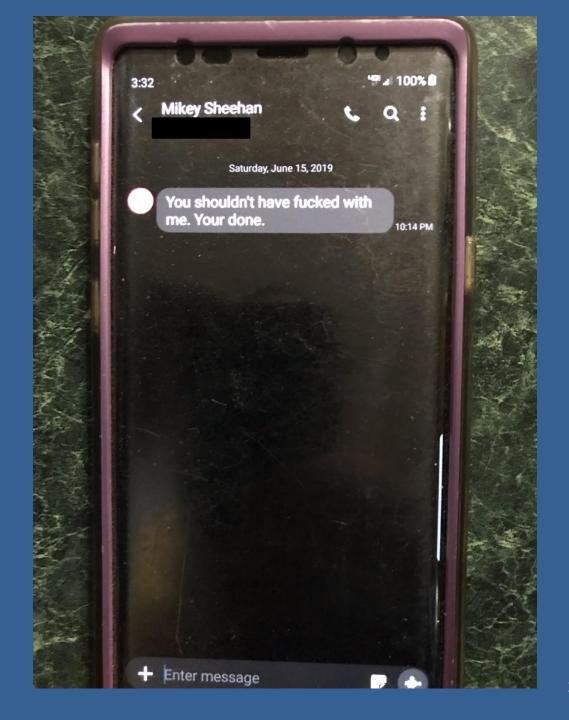
# Approx. 10:00 p.m.: officers left

At Sister's (Belmont)

### At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads



At Sister's (Belmont)

### At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan wearing gun on his right side when he left

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

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# Mr. Sheehan "spewing" on the phone

"Had it"

Sister was "all done"

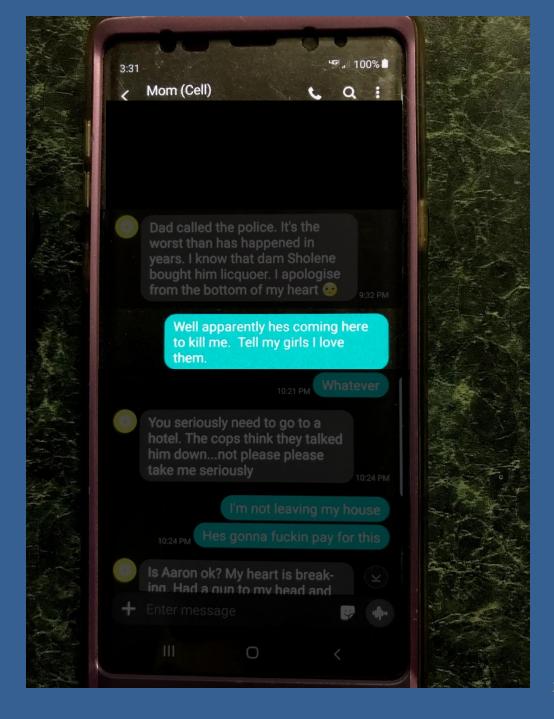
"As is the puppy"

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

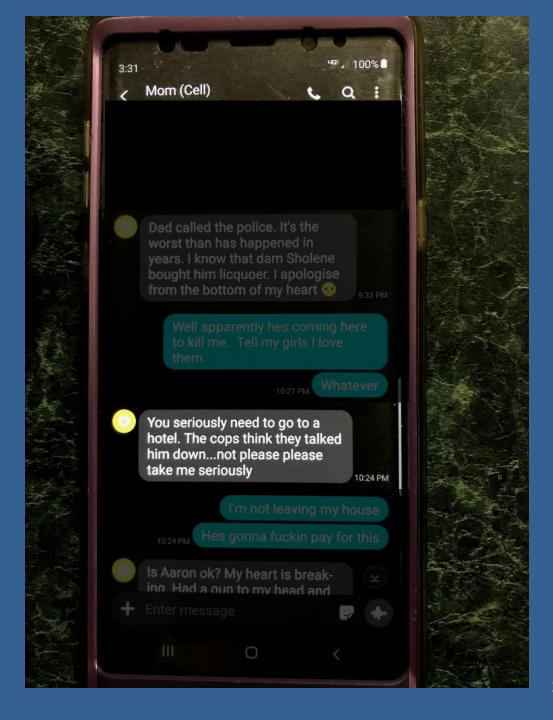


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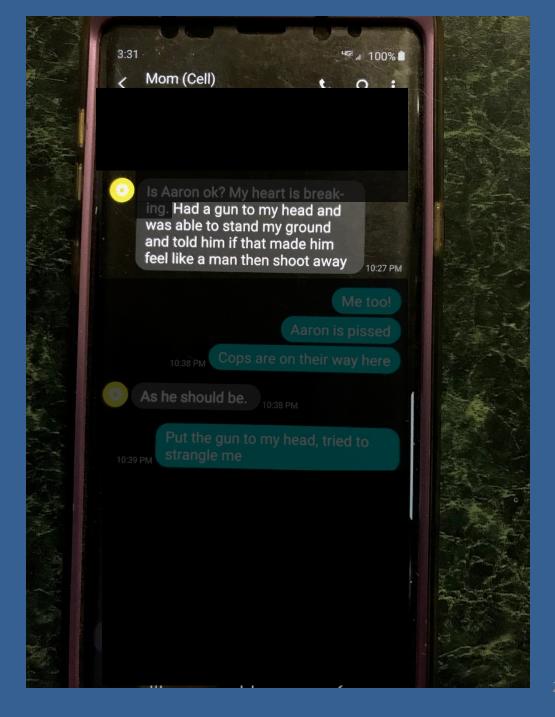
# 10:25 p.m.: Ms. Day called the police regarding Mr. Sheehan's threats

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At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

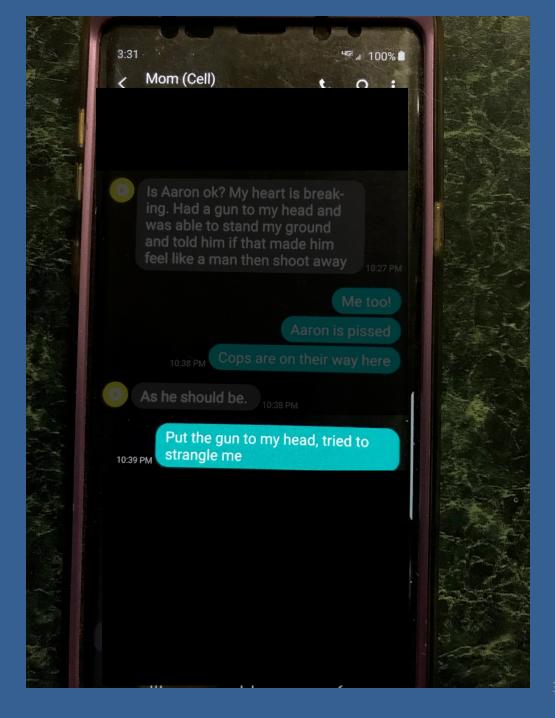


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Earlier that evening, Mr.
Sheehan had hit and
strangled her, held a gun to
her head, threatened to
shoot/kill her

11:00 p.m.: Sergeant Boulanger requested a BOLO

#### <u>June 15, 2019</u>

Daytime

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

2300: 204 REQ 200 PUT OUT BOLO FOR STOP AND HOLD, USE

CAUTION, SUBJ HAS FIREARM

2305: 212 ADV PLATE CAME BACK AS VETERAN

2308: BOLO SENT

2306: 204 REQ 200 MAKE SURE FRANKLIN IS AWARE AS WELL 2311: 212 CALLED AND ADV NORTHFIELD DEALT WITH SHEEHAN EARLIER TODAY, SHEEHAN FIRED A WEAPON IN HIS RESIDENCE EARLIER AND MENTIONED SUICIDE BY COP, 204 AWARE - 200 ADV BOLO WENT OUT WITH SEVERAL CAUTIONS

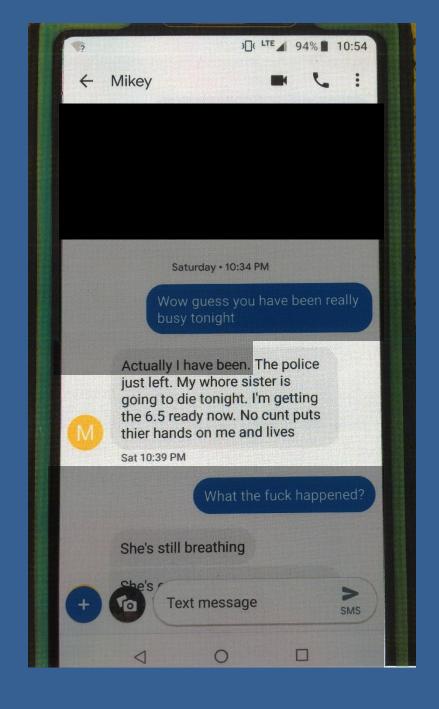
- 2300, etc. = 11:00 p.m. (military time)
- 200 = dispatch
- 204 = Sgt. Boulanger
- 212 = Ofc. Kloetz

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

## At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

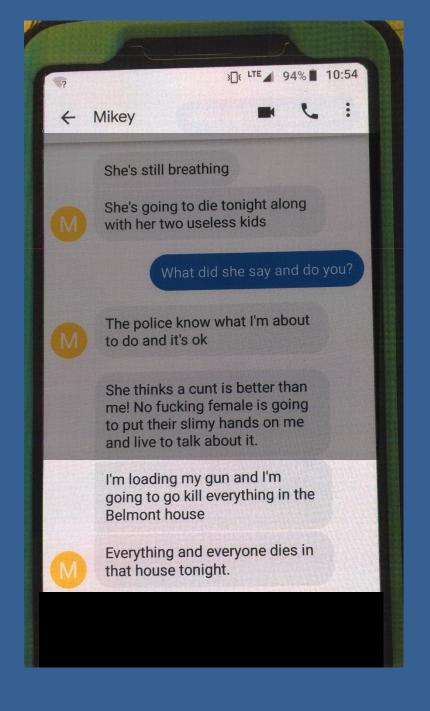


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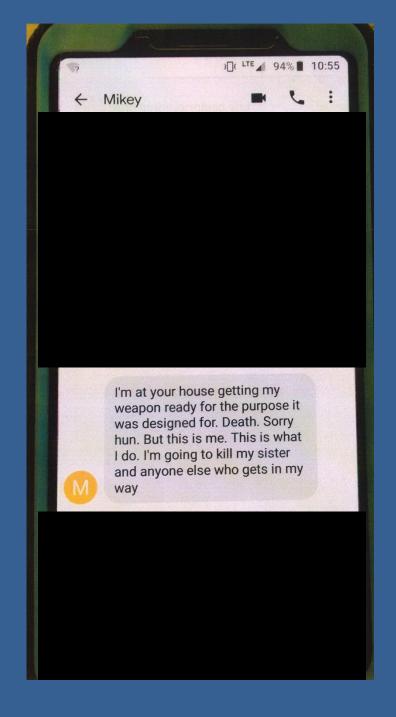


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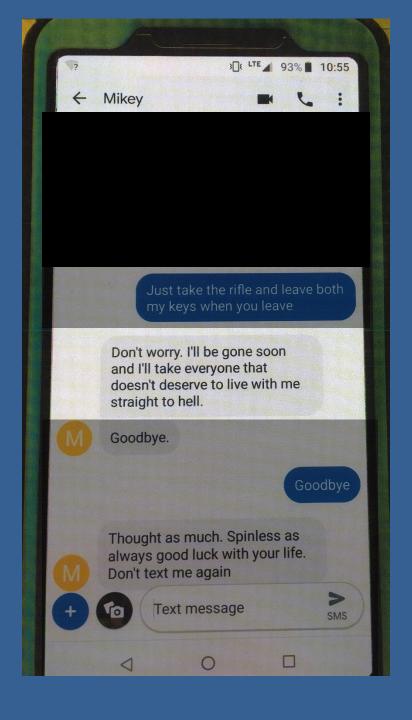


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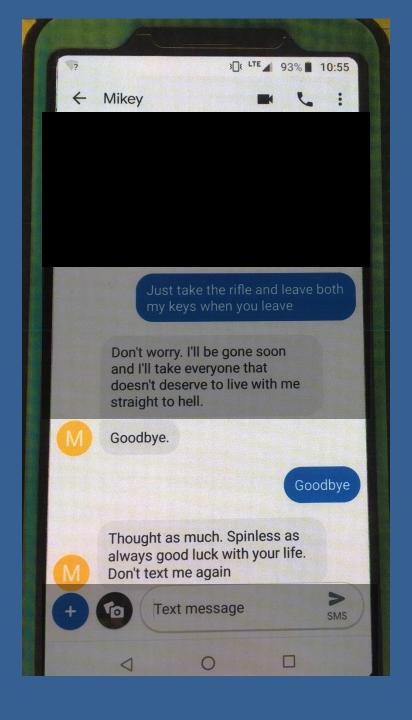


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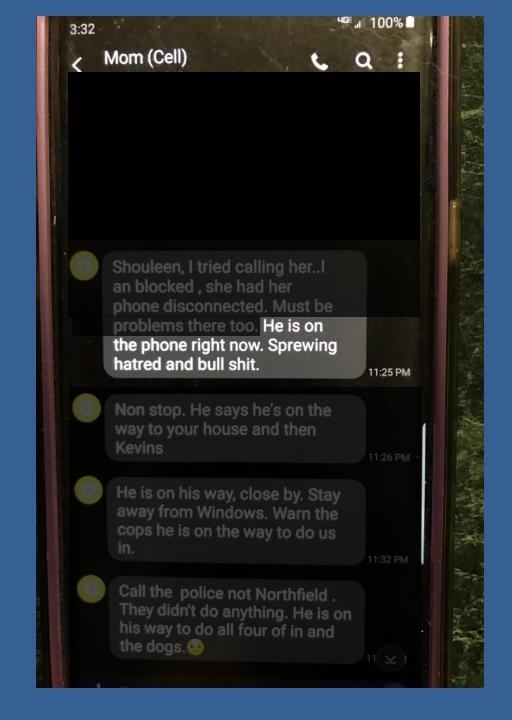


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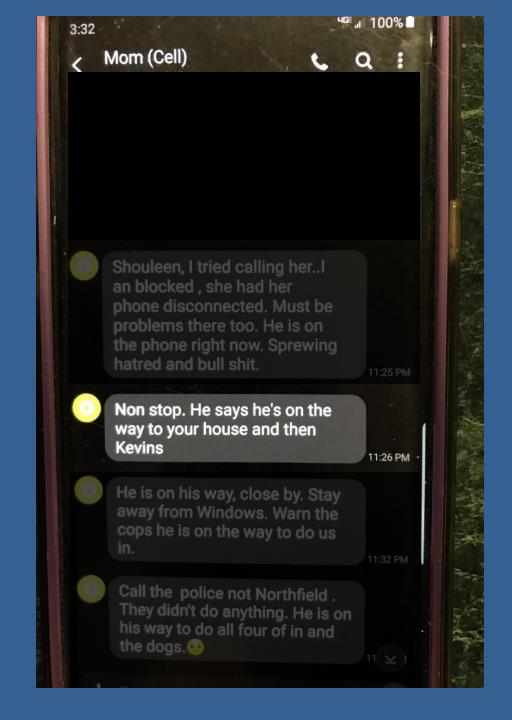


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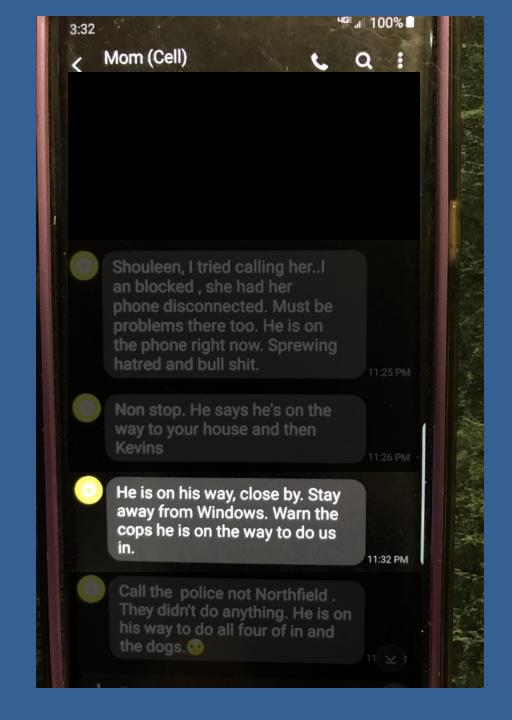


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#### **On Belmont Roads**



At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Officer Riley learned there was BOLO related to criminal threatening

Learned firearm was involved

Officers were to use caution

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

#### **On Belmont Roads**

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Approx. 11:37 p.m.: Officer Riley saw Mr. Sheehan's car

## Officers Riley and Kloetz followed Mr. Sheehan

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Officer Kloetz knew of criminal threatening call

Knew about: BOLO, may have fired shot, threatened to kill sister

Suicide by cop

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

Mr. Sheehan told his mother that he thought he had "cop behind him"

Mr. Sheehan's voice "broke" from "macho" to tears

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Sergeant Boulanger had responded to sister's

Knew about gun at sister's and at parents' in Northfield

"Going out suicide by cop"

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

#### **On Belmont Roads**

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Chief Lewandowski: back off and wait

### Felony stop

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

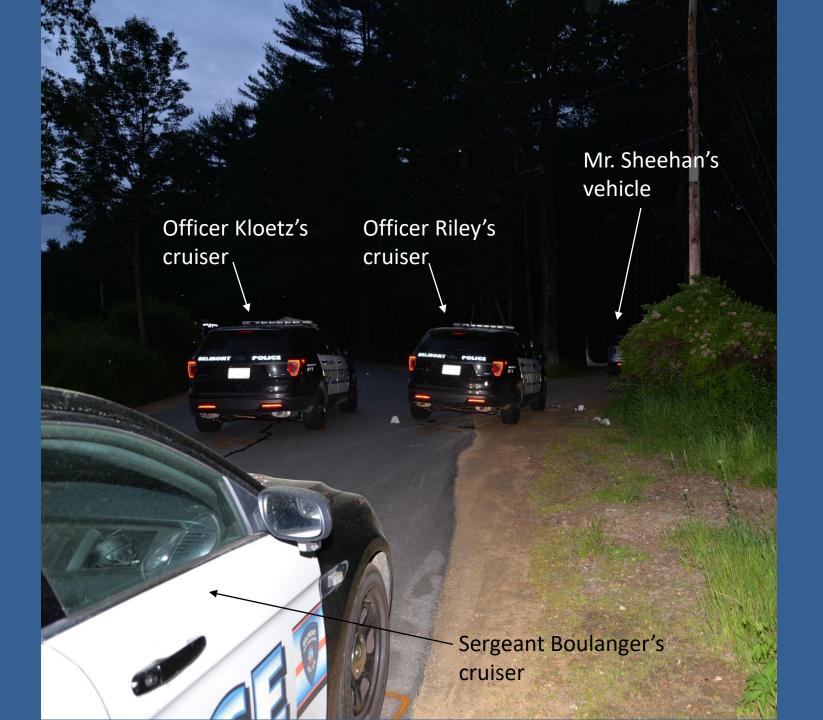
At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

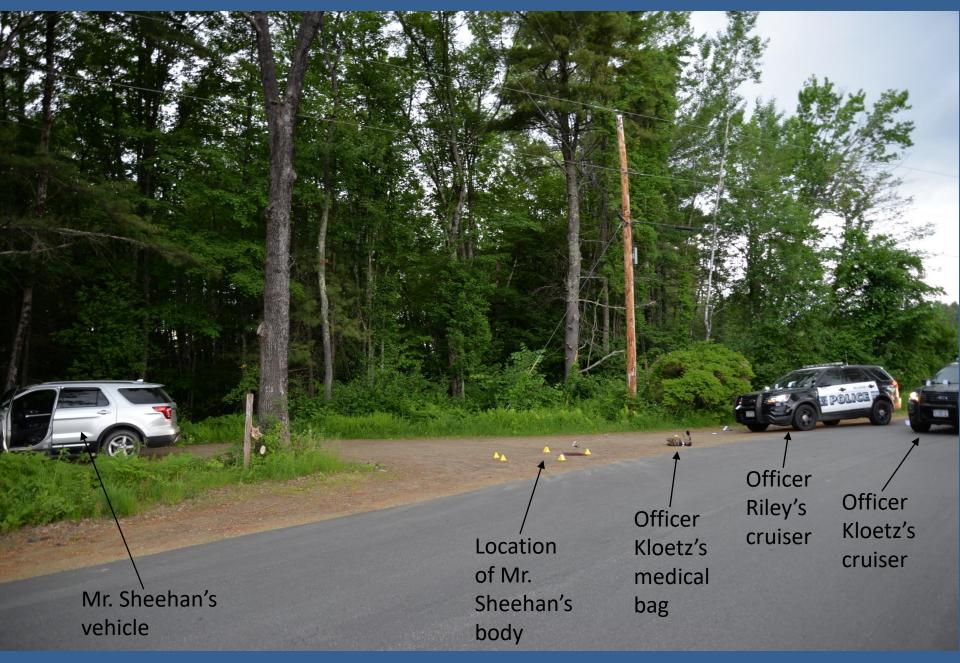
#### **On Belmont Roads**

98 South Road (Belmont)

## 11:38 p.m.: Mr. Sheehan turned left onto South Road

## Then pulled over at 98 South Road





At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Officer Kloetz: Step out of the vehicle

Officer Riley: Get out of the vehicle

Mr. Sheehan: "I'm on the phone with my mom"

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Officer Kloetz: Get out of the vehicle and walk backwards

Officer Riley: Back up

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan knelt in the doorway of vehicle

Facing away from officers

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan had handgun on right hip

Officer Kloetz: Walk backwards with hands up

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Quickly took the gun out of the holster

Held it with two hands under his chin, pointing upwards

Stood up

Turned around to face officers

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

**On Belmont Roads** 

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Officers: "Drop the gun, drop the gun, drop the gun!"

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan was about 60 feet away from nearest cruiser

Advanced at a "brisk walk"

"Aggressive"

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

## Officers shouted commands to stop and drop the gun

Mr. Sheehan continued to advance, still with gun held with two hands under his chin

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Mr. Sheehan advanced to within about 25 feet of nearest cruiser

## Over half of the distance from where he started



At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

Mr. Sheehan held gun under chin

Did not stop

Did not drop gun

Did not show any signs of doing either

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# All three officers felt in danger of being shot by Mr. Sheehan

Officer Riley: action faster than reaction

Would not be able to react fast enough to avoid possible death

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Officer Kloetz: could have directed pistol on officers in just a millisecond

Imminent threat of bodily harm to him or the other officers

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

At Girlfriend's (Franklin)

On Belmont Roads

98 South Road (Belmont)

# Sergeant Boulanger: Obvious Mr. Sheehan's intentions not peaceful

Felt he was in danger

Believed Mr. Sheehan was going to try and shoot one of them

Attempting to get officers to delay

At Sister's (Belmont)

At Parents' (Northfield)

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98 South Road (Belmont)

After spending approximately 18 seconds attempting to control situation via shouted commands, all three officers fired almost simultaneously

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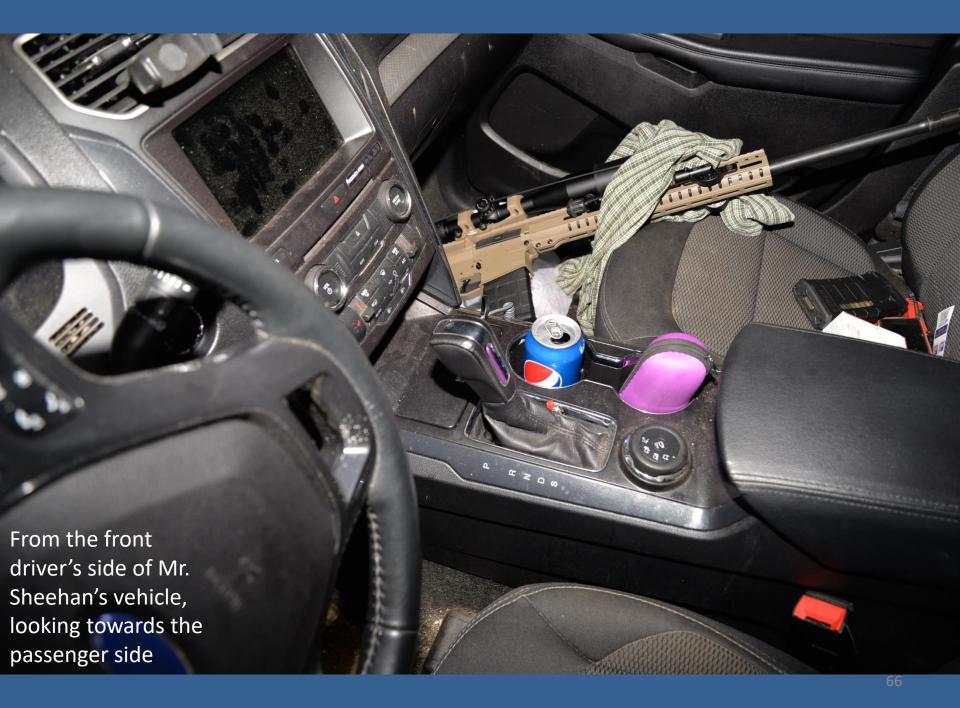


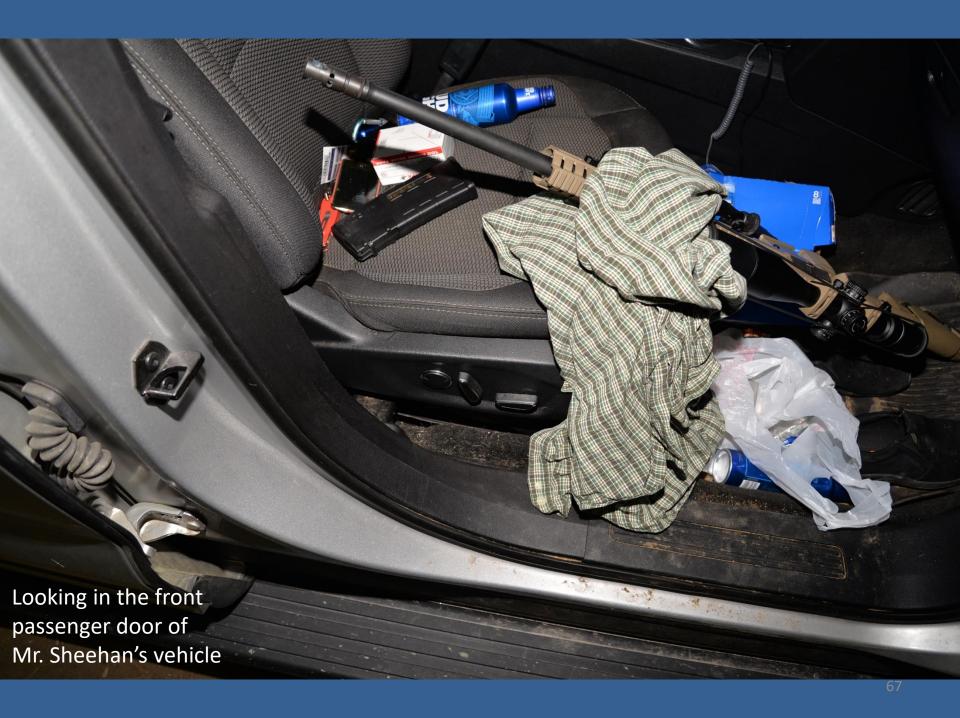
Officer Kloetz: "[Unintelligible] got a weapon."

**Unknown**: [Unintelligible]

<u>Unknown</u>: "2340"

Sergeant Boulanger: "204. Shots fired! Shots fired! Suspect down! Suspect down!"









Officers' discharged cartridge casings located in areas consistent with officers' accounts

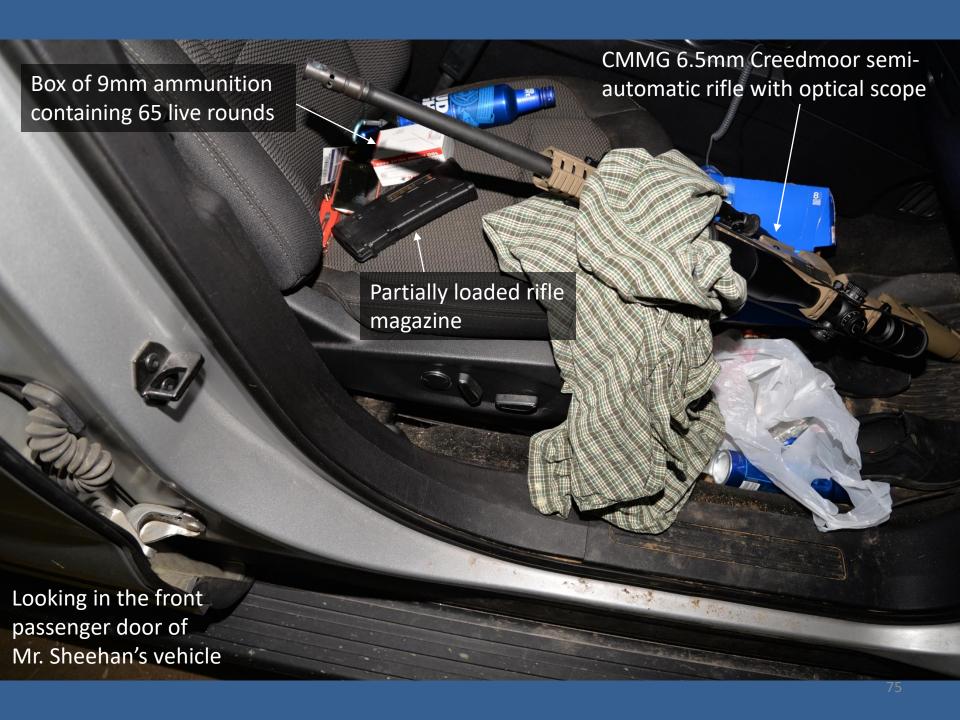
60 feet from where Mr. Sheehan first started to advance

Sergeant Boulanger fired 4 shots, Officer Kloetz fired 3 shots, Officer Riley fired 6 shots



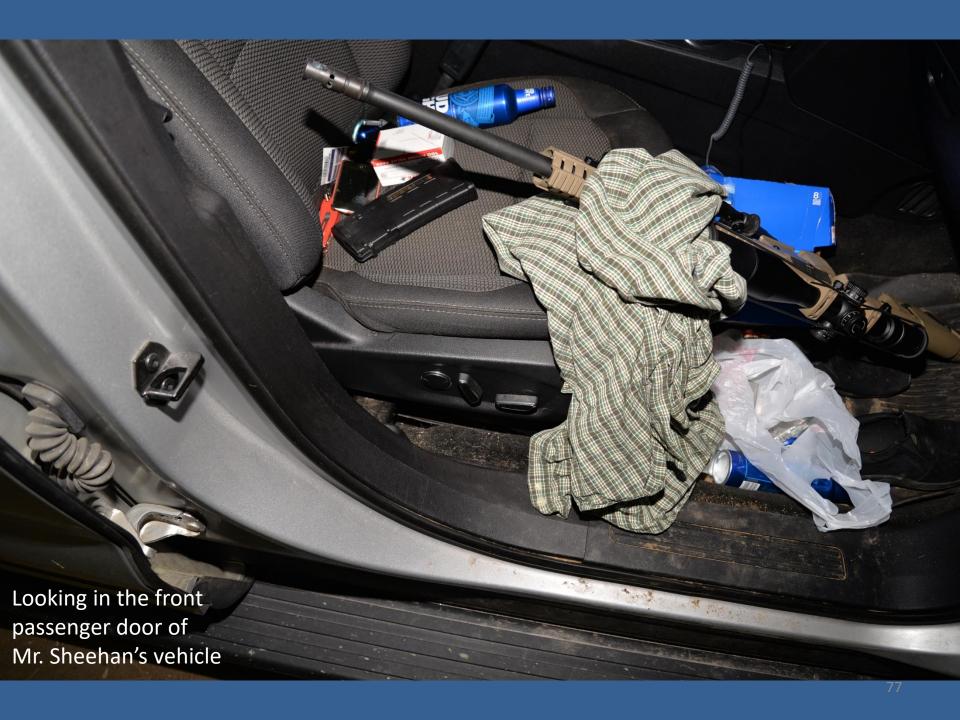






#### All pictured items were located on front seat of Mr. Sheehan's vehicle





## **Autopsy Results**

## Eight gunshot wounds:

Right thigh Right mid back

Left thigh Left mid back

Neck Graze wound on

Right upper chest head with re-entry

into back

Right shoulder

Additional gunshot/shrapnel wound to back

# Autopsy Results

BAC of 0.13 at time of death

Cause of death: multiple gunshot wounds

## Legal Standard: RSA 627:5, II(a)

A law enforcement officer is justified in using deadly force only when he reasonably believes such force is necessary:

(a) To defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes is the imminent use of deadly force.

## Legal Standard

Reasonableness determined by objective standard that looks at all facts and circumstances

Circumstances not viewed in hindsight

Inquiry must focus on situation from standpoint of reasonable person facing the same situation

## **Critical Question**

Did Sergeant Boulanger, Officer Kloetz, and Officer Riley each reasonably believe that deadly force was necessary to defend himself and/or the other officers present against what each reasonably believed was the imminent threat of deadly force from Mr. Sheehan?

## **Conclusion**

Yes. Based on all the facts and circumstances known to each officer at the time each officer fired his gun, they each had an objectively reasonable basis to believe that deadly force was necessary to defend against what they each had an objectively reasonable basis to believe was the imminent threat of deadly force from Mr. Sheehan.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

Mr. Sheehan created a dangerous situation

Mr. Sheehan escalated the dangerous situation

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

Mr. Sheehan exited his vehicle wearing a handgun

Held gun in dangerous position

Advanced rapidly on officers

Ignored repeated commands

### Mr. Sheehan's Wounds

Provide some evidence of positioning, but not definitive

Mr. Sheehan fell forward in "sort of downward dog position"

Likely hit first in the front of his body by gunfire, then fell forward, exposing his back and back of head to gunfire

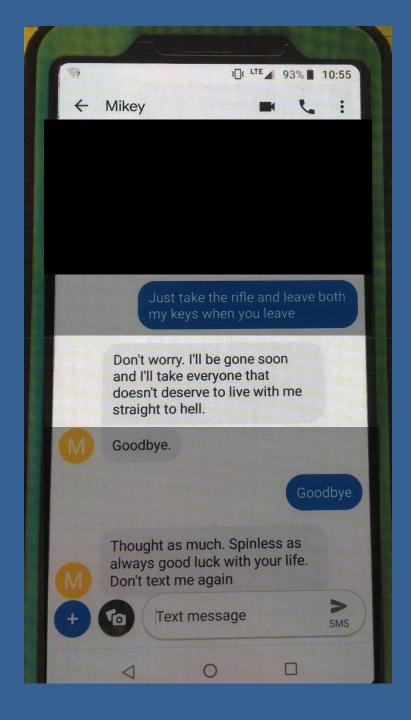
## Prior Use of Deadly Force

No significant role in the incident involving Mr. Sheehan

Sergeant Boulanger (2017)

Officer Riley (2016)

## Corroboration



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Officers' discharged cartridge casings





## Corroboration

Dispatch records

Mother: could hear officers screaming "get on the ground, get on the ground" prior to hearing a gunshot

### Reasonableness

Officers spent 18 seconds attempting to control situation via verbal commands

Until Mr. Sheehan was approximately 25 feet away

